# THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA CYNGOR DINAS A SIR ABERTAWE



# CITY CENTRE TAXI RANKS, SWANSEA ORDER 2013

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#### **ORDER 2013**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA (hereinafter called "the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) (which said Act of 1984 is hereby referred to as "the Act of 1984") and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Section 124 of the Act of 1984 hereby make the following Order.

# **SECTION 1 – PRELIMINARY**

# Citation and commencement

 This Order shall come into operation on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013 and may be cited as the Council of the City and County of Swansea (City Centre Taxi Ranks, Swansea) traffic regulation order 2013

## **Definitions**

2. In this order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:

"Council" means the Council of the City and County of Swansea;

"hackney carriage" means a vehicle standing or plying for hire for which a hackney carriage licence has been issued by the Council;

# Interpretation

- 3. Except where otherwise stated, any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order
- 4. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the Interpretation of an Act of Parliament
- 5. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other prohibition or restriction whether made under the Act of 1984 or otherwise

# SECTION 2 – LIMITED WAITING ONE HOUR NO RETURN WITHIN TWO HOURS, MONDAY TO SATURDAY 6AM TO 6PM, NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXIS 6PM TO 6AM

<u>Limited waiting one hour no return within two hours, Monday to Saturday 6am</u>
<u>to 6pm, no stopping except taxis 6pm to 6am</u>

6. Save as provided in Article 7 of this order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a civil enforcement officer, police community support officer, a police officer in uniform, a traffic warden or a person authorised by the Council, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any of the length or lengths of the road or roads referred to in within the conditions of Schedule 1 hereto

# **Exemptions**

7. Nothing in Article 6 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the sides or lengths of the roads specified therein for as long as may be necessary to enable:-

- (a) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any of the following operations namely:-
  - (i) building, maintenance, repair, shop fitting or other industrial or demolition operations with a waiver issued by the Council and displayed in the relevant position on the windscreen of the vehicle;
  - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (iii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the said lengths or sides of the road of any sewer or any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of water, gas electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined by the Telecommunications Act 1984
  - (iv) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire brigade or other emergency purposes
- (b) the vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with the service of a local authority or of a water authority in pursuance of its statutory powers and duties.
- (c) the vehicle to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets as defined in Section 37 of the Post Office Act 1953
- (d) public service vehicles when waiting at an authorised bus stop to set down or pick up passengers
- (e) vehicles picking up and dropping off passengers

# **SECTION 3 - NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXIS**

# No stopping except Taxis

8. Save as provided in Article 9 of this order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a civil enforcement officer, police community support officer, a police officer in uniform, a traffic warden or a

person authorised by the Council, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any of the length or lengths of the road or roads referred to in within the conditions of Schedule 2 hereto

# **Exemptions**

9. Nothing in Article 8 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the sides or lengths of the roads specified therein for as long as may be necessary to enable:-

a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire brigade or other emergency purposes

# **SECTION 4 – PARKING PLACES**

- 11. Regulation of A Permit Parking Place
  - A (i) The holder of a Permit shall not park in any Parking Place
    - (a) other than in the street named on the Permit except in the case of a Controlled Parking Zone where the permit allows the holder to park in any of the designated bays within the C.P.Z. and
    - (b) without a the valid Permit being displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle

- (ii) Where a Police Constable in uniform or a civil enforcement officer or a person authorised by the Council is of the opinion that the provisions contained in Article 3. of this Order have been contravened he may remove or cause to be removed the vehicle from the Parking Place and where it is so removed shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle
- (iii) A Police Constable in uniform or a civil enforcement officer or a person authorised by the Council may move or cause to be moved in the case of emergency to any place he thinks fit any vehicle left in the Parking Place
- (iv) Every vehicle left in the Parking Place shall stop so that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the Parking Place
- B A Police constable in uniform or a civil enforcement officer or a person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of the Parking Place or any part thereof whenever he considers such suspension is reasonably necessary:
  - (i) for the purposes of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety
  - (ii) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the Parking Place on any occasion of the delivery or removal of furniture to or from an office or dwelling house adjacent to the Parking Place
  - (iii) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any streets will be thronged or obstructed

- (iv) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the Parking Place at times of weddings or funerals
- (v) any person herein authorised to suspend the use of the Parking Place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in that Parking Place or as the case may be in that part thereof the use of which is suspended a traffic sign of any size colour and type prescribed or authorised under Section 64 of the Act of 1984 indicating that the waiting by vehicles is prohibited
- No persons shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any part of the Parking Place during such period as there is in or adjacent to that part of the Parking a traffic sign placed in pursuance of Article 3.B (v) of this Order provided that nothing in this Article shall apply:
  - (i) in respect of any vehicle being used for fire brigade ambulance or police purposes when the presence of the said vehicle is essential to the carrying out of their duties
  - (ii) to anything done with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a civil enforcement Officer or a person authorised by the Council or the person suspending the use of the Parking Place or part thereof in pursuance of this Order

- D Nothing in the Articles of this Order shall apply to:
  - (a) legally qualified medical practitioners as defined in Section 52 of the Medical Act 1956 provided that the vehicle is displaying an appropriately worded notice to the effect that it is being used "on call" or community nurses or carers with a permit issued by the Council of the City and County of Swansea displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle
  - (b) a maximum of two vehicles being used in connection with a wedding
  - (c) vehicles being used for building and maintenance purposes in properties adjacent to a Parking Place provided that a waiver issued by the Council is displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle.
  - (d) Support Officers from bona fide care organisations to park in Residents Only Parking Area whilst visiting a Community Care dwelling in pursuit of their duties providing the special permit issued by the Council of the City and County of Swansea is displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle
  - (e) Holders of holiday family or other temporary permits issued by the Council and displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle

## **E** Permits

The Council may at any time require an applicant for a Permit or a holder of a Permit to produce to an Officer of the Council such evidence in respect of an application for a Permit made to them as they may reasonably require to verify any particulars or information given to them or in respect of any Permit issued by them as they may reasonably require to verify that the Permit is valid

- (ii) On receipt of an application for a Permit the Council upon being satisfied that
  - (a) the applicant is a person who resides in a road or the Controlled Parking Zone referred to in the Schedules to this Order or is a person who falls within the categories of persons eligible for the granting of Permit as may be determined from time to time by the Council
  - (b) the application is made in respect of an eligible vehicle as defined in paragraph (iii) of this Article shall issue to the applicant a Permit in respect of that vehicle subject to no more than two Permits being issued in respect of any particular residence
- (iii) For the purposes of this Article "eligible vehicle" means:
  - (a) a passenger vehicle which is a motor vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than twelve passengers exclusive of the driver and not drawing a trailer
  - a goods vehicle the weight of which does not exceed 3500kg unladen
  - (c) solo motor cycle or moped

- (d) A vehicle not exceeding 2.35 metres by 5.25 metres in length
- (iv) (a) No person shall be entitled to hold a Permit for more than one vehicle at any time except the Family Visitor permit which can display up to two vehicles.
  - (b) the Permit shall be valid only for the vehicle in respect of which it is issued and no Permit holder shall cause or permit any Permit issued to him by the Council to be displayed on any vehicle bearing a different registration number to that contained on that Permit
- (v) A Permit holder may surrender a Permit to the Council at any time and shall surrender it to the Council on the occurrence of any one of the following events:
  - (a) the Permit holder ceasing to be a resident in the street or Controlled Parking Zone for which the Permit is issued
  - (b) save as provided in paragraph (viii)(a) of this Article the Permit holder ceasing to be the owner of the vehicle in respect of which the Permit is issued
  - (c) the vehicle in respect of which the Permit was issued being adapted or used in such manner that it ceases to be an eligible vehicle as defined in paragraph (iii) of this Article
  - (d) the issue by the Council of a duplicate Permit
  - (e) the expiry of the Permit pursuant to paragraph (vi) of this Article

- (f) the withdrawal of the Permit by the Council
- (vi) A Permit shall cease to be valid at the expiration of the date stated thereon or on the occurrence of any of the events set out in paragraph (v) of this Article whichever is the earlier
- (vii) The Council may by notice in writing served on a Permit holder by sending the same to the Permit holder at the address shown by that person on the application for the Permit or at any other address believed to be that person's abode withdraw a permit if it appears to the Council that any of the events set out in paragraph (v) of this Article has occurred and the permit holder shall surrender the Permit to the Council within forty eight hours of the receipt of the aforementioned notice
- (viii) A Permit shall be in writing and shall include the following particulars:
  - (a) the registration mark of the vehicle in respect of which the Permit was issued except when such Permit is issued to a resident whose vehicle is owned by a bona fide motor trader and which vehicle does not exceed 3500 kg unladen weight in such cases the registration mark will be replaced with the words "MOTOR TRADER" or relevant company name.
  - (b) the expiry date of the permit pursuant to paragraph (vi) of this Article
  - (c) an indication that the Permit was issued by the Council
  - (d) the name of the street or Controlled Parking Zone in which the applicant resides

# F Charges

The Council may at its discretion charge for the issue of residents parking places Permits such charge to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Council or relevant Committee thereof and in any case any duplicate Permit shall only be issued on the payment by the applicant of a fee of ten pounds sterling (£10) or such other sum as may be determined from time to time by the Council or the relevant committee thereof

12. Regulations in respect of a parking place other than a permit holders parking place

# Manner of standing in a parking place

- A. Every vehicle left in a pay and display and disabled person's or other parking place in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Order shall stand:-
- if the parking place is in a one-way street, so that the vehicle is facing according to the direction of the traffic flow and adjacent to the edge of the carriageway;
- (ii) if the parking place is not in a one-way street, so that the left or near side of the vehicle is adjacent to the left-hand edge of the carriageway;
- (iii) so that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than 300mm;
- (iv) so that no part of the vehicle obstructs any vehicular means of ingress to or egress from premises adjacent to the side of the road on which the vehicle is waiting; and
- (v) so that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the parking place as marked on the carriageway.

# B. Alteration of position of a vehicle in a parking place

Where any vehicle is standing in a parking place in contravention of the provisions of Article 4.A. above, the Council or police officer in uniform may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions.

# C. Movement of a vehicle in a parking place in an emergency

A police officer in uniform or a civil enforcement officer may move or cause to be moved or remove or cause to be removed, in case of emergency, to any place he/she thinks fit, any vehicle left in a parking place and shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle

# D. Suspensions of use of parking place

- (1) Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever they consider such suspension reasonably necessary:-
  - (a) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
  - (b) for the purpose of any building operation, demolition or excavation adjacent to the parking place provided that a waiver issued by the Council is displayed in the relevant position on the vehicle, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the highway or the cleansing of gullies in or adjacent to the parking place, the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the parking place or any sewer or any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any

telecommunications system or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign;

- (c) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the removal of furniture to or from one office or dwelling-house adjacent to the parking place from or to a depositary, another office or dwelling-house;
- (d) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed;
- (e) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings or funerals, or on other special occasions; or
- (f) on any occasion in the interests of traffic or pedestrian movement and safety when a special event is taking place in the vicinity;
- (2) A police officer in uniform or a civil enforcement officer or other person authorised by the Council may suspend for not longer than twenty-four hours the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever he/she considers such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety
- (3) Any person or police officer suspending the use of a parking place or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this Article shall thereupon place or cause to be placed in or adjacent to that parking place or part thereof a traffic sign indicating that waiting by vehicles is prohibited.

# E. No waiting in a suspended parking place

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a parking place or any part thereof during which such period as the Council or a police officer in uniform or a civil enforcement officer has suspended that parking place or part thereof and exhibits notice of such suspension on or near that parking place.

# **SECTION 5 - REVOCATION**

# 13. **REVOCATIONS**

The existing Traffic Orders are revoked insofar as they are inconsistent with the proposals hereinafter contained which relate to the length or lengths of road or roads referred to in the schedule hereto.

# **SCHEDULES**

# **SCHEDULE 1**

LIMITED WAITING ONE HOUR NO RETURN WITHIN TWO HOURS, MONDAY TO SATURDAY 6AM TO 6PM, NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXIS 6PM TO 6AM

# **NEWTON STREET**

## **SOUTH SIDE**

From a point 10 metres east of its junction with the western kerb line of Christina Street to a point 64 meters east of that point.

# **SCHEDULE 2**

NO STOPPING EXCEPT TAXIS

## **WELLINGTON STREET TAXI RANK**

# **NORTH SIDE**

From a point 8 metres north west of its western arm junction with Wellington Street for its entire length to a point 15 metres north west of its eastern arm junction with Wellington Street.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2013

# THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

was hereunto affixed in the presence of



Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement/ Authorised Signatory

